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Dear Mr. Schatner,

You ask what must happen before there is another investigation.

I've not thought of that because I have no hope from any official investigation now. I suppose if there were some sensational development of some kind there might be another gesture but as with the HSCA we've no reason to expect much from it.

There is no smoking gun in the records. As you'll see in NEVER AGAIN! at the beginning, there was an immediate de facto conspiracy not to investigate the crime itself. So, nobody looked for or wanted any smoking gun.

Any official investigation of the assassination means an investigation that at the least includes the FBI because of its role and record with the Commission.

Nobody in official life expects to survive FBI opposition politically.

The most we can now hope for is that at some point the government will admit that it lied to the people.

And it is important for the people to understand this and to remember it.

That governments deceive people is not limited to assassinations.

For the system to be able to work the people need understand this, too.

Wish I had more time.

Thanks and best wishes,

Jim Garrison